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*Chairman:* Mr. Politi ..... (Italy)

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*The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.*

**Statement by the Chairman**

1. **The Chairman** said that a spirit of cooperation, mutual respect and understanding were needed not only to fulfil the Committee's mandate on specific issues but also, more generally, to uphold and reaffirm the importance of legal principles and values in international relations. In that connection, one of the Committee's tasks was to allow the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court to complete its mandate and to adopt the remaining documents so that the Court could be fully operational upon entry into force of the Rome Statute. While tangible results had been achieved in recent years in the fight against terrorism, much still remained to be done.

2. As usual, consideration of the report of the International Law Commission would give rise to an extremely valuable exchange of views on the codification and progressive development of international law. In order for the Commission to advance that process, however, Member States should provide clear and articulated positions on the various topics as well as concrete answers to the key questions submitted to them.

3. Although the Committee's agenda was a particularly full one, he was confident that, with the cooperation of members and the assistance of the Secretariat, the current session would be a success not only in procedural but also in substantive terms. He recalled Aristotle's observation that law was order and good law was good order. The Committee's objective should be to advance international law according to that simple but quite challenging standard.

**Election of officers**

4. *Mr. Suheimat (Jordan), Mr. Vásquez (Ecuador) and Mr. Ekedede (Nigeria) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.*

5. **Mr. Štefánek** (Slovakia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

**Organization of work** (A/C.6/55/2 and A/C.6/55/L.1)

6. **The Chairman**, drawing attention to the note by the Secretariat on the organization of work of the Committee (A/C.6/55/L.1) and to the allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/55/2), said that the programme of work proposed in section III of document A/C.6/55/L.1 was subject to review and would be applied with flexibility in the light of the progress made in the work of the Committee. He reviewed the proposed timetable, which reflected the outcome of informal consultations held with the Legal Counsel.

7. With regard to the Committee's various working groups, he recalled that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 54/101, the open-ended working group of the Committee established under resolution 53/98 would continue its work to consider the future form of, and outstanding substantive issues related to, the draft articles on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property adopted by the International Law Commission at its forty-third session. He took it that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Hafner (Austria) to serve as Chairman of the open-ended working group. In addition, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 51/210 and 54/110, a working group of the Sixth Committee was mandated to meet during the current session to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 on the outstanding issues relating to the elaboration of a draft international convention for the suppression of acts of nuclear terrorism and on the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations to formulate a joint organized response of the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. He took it that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Perera (Sri Lanka) to serve as Chairman of that working group and that it wished the working group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, to be open to Member States and to members of specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

8. *It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.*